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SUBJECT: UPPER VOLTAN REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO PURCHASE
US MILITARY EQUIPMENT

REFS: A) BAMAKO 4153, B) STATE 280075

1. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED CAREFULLY THE OPTIONS OPEN TO US
IN REPLYING TO THE UPPER VOLTAN REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO
PURCHASE SMALL ARMS, AMMUNITION AND TENTS.

2. THE VOLTANS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO BUY BEFORE
NOVEMBER 15, A DEADLINE IN THEIR FISCAL YEAR. WE DECIDED
TO INFORM ONLY THE UPPER VOLTANS OF OUR APPROVAL OF THEIR
REQUEST FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, OUR POLICY WITH REGARD
TO MILITARY SALES TO EACH COUNTRY HAD EVOLVED DIFFERENTLY.
IN BRIEF, AN FMS CREDIT SALES PROGRAM WITH MALI HAD BEEN
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INSTITUTED IN 1972. WHEN HOSTILIITES BROKE OUT, WE
INFORMED MALI AND UPPER VOLTA THAT WE WERE EMBARGOING
MILITARY ITEMS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. IN THE MALIAN CASE
THIS MEANT THAT SOME ITEMS THE GOM HAD ORDERED WERE NOT

EXPORTED. IN DECEMBER 1975, OUR AMBASSADOR IN BAMAKO INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI THAT THE CREDIT SALES PROGRAM HAD BEEN TERMINATED AS A RESULT OF MALI'S PERFORMANCE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

TO THE USG. UPPER VOLTAN PERFORMANCE, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS MARKEDLY MORE FAVORABLE TO THE US. SECOND, WE WERE MINDFUL OF YOUR DESIRE TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASCERTAIN MALIAN ATTITUDES AND INTENTIONS BEFORE FORMING A VIEW REGARDING ARMS SALES TO THAT NATION.

3. WE CONCLUDED THAT INFORMING BOTH UPPER VOLTA AND MALI THAT THE EMBARGO HAD BEEN LIFTED COULD AROUSE MALIAN EXPECTATIONSTHAT WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO MEET AND MIGHT OBLIGE YOU TO GIVE A NEGATIVE ANSWER EARLY IN YOUR TOUR. HENCE THE GUIDANCE IN PARAGRAPH TWO REF B.

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